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What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. As of July 1, 2018, the Hispanic population of the United States was 59.9 million people, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority (18.3% of the total U.S. population)

Some Hispanic Heritage Facts!

Hispanic Heritage Month starts in the middle of the month to correspond with the independence of many countries like Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile.

The term Hispanic or Latino, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Oscar Hijuelos, author of "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love," was the first Hispanic writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Dr. Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman astronaut to go into space.

Tom Fears was the first Hispanic Football Hall of Fame inductee.

Want to explore more?

Go on a virtual exhibition of Hispanic artifacts on the [National Museum of American History's website](#)

Watch the Hispanic Heritage Awards at [The Hispanic Heritage Foundation website](#)

Explore Latin music and painting online with [Música del Pueblo: A Smithsonian Virtual Exhibition](#).

Try your hand at cooking! There's plenty of Hispanic Tradition Food you can try [HERE!](#)

Enjoy cocktails?? [Here](#) are a few you can try!



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